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(C) MOSCOW 6360 (D) TELECON 7 MAT PARIS-GANLEY

1. SUMMARY: DEPTOFF TAKING PART IN CONSULTATIONS
ON RENEWAL AT MOSCOW MAY 4-6 STRONGLY RECOMMENDS
ADOPTION OF SMALL SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES INTEXT OF
EITHER AGREEMENT OR PROTOCOL EFFECTING RENEWAL
AS OUTLINE IN REFS (B)--(D) RATHER THAN IMPOSING
TERMS REPEATED IN REF (A). END SUMMARY.

2. SOVS SPECIFICALLY WITHDREW ALL THEIR PROPOSED
REVISIONS FOR ARTICLE 7 IN S&T AGREEMENT DURING
MOSCOW DISCUSSIONS MAY 4-6 EXCEPT FOR CHANGING NAME
U.S. AGENT TO OSTP AND FOR SECTION ON COORDINATION.
WHEN U.S. SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED IN WRITING CHANGING
MEETING "NOT LESS THAN" ONCE A YEAR TO MEETING
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"AS A RULE" ONCE A YEAR AS IN REVISION. THEY
REJECTED THIS LANGUAGE. WE DID OBTAIN AGREEMENT
ON ADVISABILITY OF CHANGING MEETING SITES FROM
"WASHINGTON" TO "UNITED STATES" AND "MOSCOW" TO
"SOVIET UNION."

3. IT IS STRONG OPINION OF DEPTOFF THAT SINCE SOVIETS

ORIGINALLY PROPOSED REVISIONS IN ARTICLE 7, EVEN
THOUGH U.S. PARTICIPATED IN DRAFTING THEM LAST
NOVEMBER, THEY MAY WITHDRAW THEM. THUS DESPITE OUR
PREFERENCE FOR SOME OF THE REVISIONS, AND THE FACT
THAT TEXT HAD BEEN PRELIMINARILY CLEARED IN USG,
NO SUBSTANTIVE LOSS IS INCURRED BY RETAINING PRESENT
TEXT FOR ARTICLE 7 WITH THE CHANGES IN MEETING PLACE
AND NAME OF OSTP JUST CITED. INSISTENCE THAT SOVS
ACCEPT WHAT THEY HAVE IN THE MEANTIME WITHDRAWN SEEMS
UNFRUITFUL AND THREATENS TO PROLONG NEGOTIATIONS UNDULY.

4. SOVIET SIDE READILY AGREED TO U.S. MODIFICATION
OF ARTICLE 7, SECTION 3, AND THEN SUGGESTED IT BE
INCLUDED IN PROTOCOL OF 5TH JCM RATHER THAN IN RENEWAL.
ALTHOUGH WE WERE FAVORABLE TO THIS SUGGESTION, WE ARE
VITALLY CERTAIN THEY WOULD JUST AS SOON HAVE IT IN
RENEWAL IF DEPARTMENT INSISTS (REF D). HOWEVER,
IF LEGALLY FEASIBLE, ITS PLACEMENT IN JGM
PROTOCOL WOULD OBTAIN SIMILAR RESULTS DESIRED BY
BOTH SIDES WHILE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT EARLIER
OBJECTIONS BY SOME PARTIES IN WASHINGTON.

5. BESIDES CHANGE IN ARTICLE 8, SECTION 1,
CONCERNING EFFECTIVE DATE, SOVS ALSO SUGGESTED
AUTOMATIC RENEWAL IN 1982, WHICH WE REJECTED AND WHICH
THEY GRACIOUSLY WITHDREW.

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6. DEPTOFF BELIEVES THAT WILLINGNESS BT SOVIET SIDE TO RESOLVE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN RENEWAL TEXT CALLS FOR U.S. CONCESSIONS ON NON-SUBSTANTIVE PREAMBLE, AND THAT PROVISIONAL VERSION IS SUPERIOR TO CURRENT TEXT. PREAMBLE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO THEM THAN TO US.

7. SIGNING WAS DISCUSSED FOR MAY 12 SINCE BOTH TOON AND DOBRYNIN WILL TRAVEL ON THE WEEKEND TO GENEVA.

8. PROVISIONAL TEXTS OF NEW PREAMBLE, ARTICLE 7, SECTIONS 1 AND 3, AND ARTICLE 8, SECTION 1, HAVE ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE OF BEING ALREADY RECONCILED WITH RUSSIAN TRANSLATIONS.

9. DEPTOFF IS NOT IN POSITION TO WEIGH MERITS OF PROTOCOL-VS-NEW AGREEMENT ISSUE, WHICH TOOK US SIDE COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE. HE RECOMMENDS THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE DEPARTMENT ACCOMMODATE THIS REQUEST, SINCE IT WILL PROBABLY BE HARDER FOR SOVIETS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHANGE NOW THAN FOR US. DEPARTMENT LEGAL OFFICER AT CIEC GAVE UNOFFICIAL OPINION THAT PROCEDURE SUGGESTED BY SOVIETS MAY BE FEASIBLE.

10. MOSCOW TALKS WERE CARRIED OUT IN ATMOSPHERE OF GREATEST CORDIALITY, FOLLOWING CONSIDERABLE SOVIET APPREHENSION ON USG INTENTIONS CONCERNING RENEWAL AND HOLDING 5TH JCM. TO BUILD ON THIS POSITIVE SPIRIT, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO RECONSIDER POSITION OUTLINED REF (A). END.

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